

## TRAINING

### WAC 246-976-021 Training course requirements.

(1) **Department responsibilities:** The department will publish procedures for agencies to conduct EMS training courses, including:

- (a) The registration process;
- (b) Requirements, functions, and responsibilities of course instructional and administrative personnel;
- (c) Necessary information and administrative forms to conduct the course;

(2) **Training agency responsibilities:**

- (a) **General.** Agencies providing initial training of certified EMS personnel at all levels (except advanced first aid) must:
  - (i) Have MPD approval for the course content;
  - (ii) Have MPD approval for all instructional personnel, who must be experienced and qualified in the area of training;
  - (iii) Have local EMS/TC council recommendation for each course;
  - (iv) Have written approval from the department to conduct each course;
  - (v) Approve or deny applicants for training consistent with the prerequisites for applicants in WAC 246-976-041 and 246-976-141.
- (b) **Basic life support** (first responder, EMT). Agencies providing initial training of basic life support personnel must identify a senior EMS instructor to be responsible for the quality of instruction and the conduct of the course.
- (c) **Intermediate life support** (IV, airway and ILS technicians). Agencies providing initial training of intermediate life support personnel must:
  - (i) Have a written agreement with the clinical facility, if it is separate from the academic facility;
  - (ii) Ensure that clinical facilities provide departments or sections, personnel, and policies, including:
    - (A) Written program approval from the administrator and chief of staff;
    - (B) A written agreement to participate in continuing education;
    - (C) Supervised clinical experience for students during the clinical portion of the program;
    - (D) An orientation program.
- (d) **Paramedics.** Agencies training paramedics must be accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the department.

- (3) **Course curriculum.** The department recognizes the following National Standard EMS training courses published by the United States Department of Transportation as amended by the department:
- (a) First responder: The first responder training course published 1996, amended by the department March 1998;
  - (b) EMT: The emergency medical technician -- Basic training course published 1994, amended by the department September 1996;
  - (c) IV technician: Those sections and lessons identified in the emergency medical technician -- Intermediate course published 1999, amended by the department April 2000;
  - (d) Airway technician: Those sections and lessons identified in the emergency medical technician --Intermediate course published 1999, amended by the department April 2000;
  - (e) ILS technician: Those sections and lessons identified in the emergency medical technician -- Intermediate course published 1999, amended by the department April 2000 which includes the following medications:
    - (i) Epinephrine for anaphylaxis administered by a commercially preloaded measured-dose device;
    - (ii) Albuterol administered by inhalation;
    - (iii) Dextrose 50% and 25%;
    - (iv) Nitroglycerine, sublingual and/or spray;
    - (v) Naloxone;
    - (vi) Aspirin PO (oral), for suspected myocardial infarction;
  - (f) Paramedic: The emergency medical technician --Paramedic training course published 1999, as amended by the department January 2000.
- (4) Initial training for first responders and EMTs must also include approved infectious disease training that meets the requirements of chapter 70.24 RCW.
- (5) Specialized training. The department, in conjunction with the advice and assistance of the L&C committee, may approve specialized training for certified EMS personnel to use skills, techniques, or equipment that is not included in standard course curricula. Agencies providing specialized training must have MPD and department approval of:
- (a) Course curriculum;
  - (b) Lesson plans;
  - (c) Course instructional personnel, who must be experienced and qualified in the area of training;
  - (d) Student selection criteria;
  - (e) Criteria for satisfactory completion of the course, including student evaluations and/or examinations;
  - (f) Prehospital patient care protocols that address the specialized skills.
- (6) Local government agencies: The department recognizes county agencies established by ordinance and approved by the MPD to coordinate EMS training. These agencies must comply with the requirements of this section.